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## COMPARISON CHART OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY CHARTER PROVISIONS

This chart was prepared to facilitate comparison of selected provisions of California County Charters.

The absence of any specific charter provision does not necessarily indicate a need for such a provision in the charter as the same end might be accomplished by county ordinances or by general law provision.

The first five lines of the chart contain pertinent facts which would be helpful in gaining insight into the nature of each specific county. A limited comparison with the San Francisco City and County Consolidated Charter was made and was confined to provisions relatively unaffected by the integrated San Francisco City governmental structure.

The charter provisions of California Counties were also compared with selected provisions contained in the Model County Charter which was prepared by the National Municipal League, 1956.

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## LEGEND

Blank Space	No Comparison	Co. Forester	County Forester
---	No Provision in Charter	Co. Mgr.	County Manager
X	Provision in Charter	E	Elected
A/B.S.	Appointed by the Board of Supervisors	G.L.	As Provided in General Law
A/Co. Exec.	Appointed by the County Executive	H.Adv. Bd.	Health Advisory Board
A/Co. Mgr.	Appointed by the County Manager	Lic. Coll.	License Collector
A/Mayor	Appointed by the Mayor	N.L.T.	Not Less Than
AP/B.S.	At Pleasure of Board of Supervisors	N.M.T.	Not More Than
Agric. Comm.	Agricultural Commissioner	No Comp.	No Compensation
C.A.O.	Chief Administrative Officer	Pb. Admin.	Public Administrator
CS	Subject to Civil Service Regulations	Rd. Comm.	Road Commissioner
C.S.C.	Civil Service Commission	Sealer W.M.	Sealer of Weights and Measures
Co. Adm. Off.	County Administrative Officer	Tax Coll.	Tax Collector
Co. Exec.	County Executive		INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES LIBRARY

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COMPARISON CHART OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY CHARTER PROVISIONS

CITIZENS' CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

	ALAMEDA	MODEL	BUTTE	FRESNO	LOS ANGELES	SACRAMENTO	SAN BERNARDINO	SAN DIEGO	SAN MATEO	SANTA CLARA	TEHAMA	SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND COUNTY
<u>Date Charter Ratified</u>	1-18-27	---	1-27-17	4-19-33	1-29-13	5-11-33	4-7-13	1-17-33	1-28-33	9-4-51	3-9-17	1-8-32
<u>County Population (July 1, 1962 - State Department of Finance)</u>	946,700	---	92,800	389,200	6,395,200	567,400	551,400	1,167,700	492,800	760,100	27,500	745,000
<u>Registered Voters (June 5, 1962 - Primary Election)</u>	441,505	---	39,898	141,277	2,811,130	214,499	207,975	438,713	211,492	273,479	12,195	367,082
<u>1961-1962 Budget</u>	\$92,352,766	---	\$13,196,141	\$43,768,409	\$580,374,742	\$53,158,725	\$58,002,489	\$86,483,939	\$35,174,868	\$61,460,944	\$4,604,909	
<u>County Employees (July, 1962 - County Supervisors Assn.)</u>	5,300	---	790	2,782	42,000	3,692	3,450	5,277	2,157	3,724	280	18,000
<u>Number of Supervisors</u> A. Elected by District B. Elected at Large	5A	5-9 A&B	5A	5A	5A	5A	5A	5A	5B	5A	5B	11B
<u>Supervisors' Compensation</u> A. Fixed by General Law B. Same as Superior Court Judge C. Fixed by Charter D. Fixed by Ordinance	A	D	A	A	B	A (1)	A	A	A	A	---	C
<u>Powers and Duties of Board of Supervisors</u>												
To appoint or provide for appointment of appointive officers	X	---	X	X	X	---	X	X	---	---	X	---
To require bonds of county officers and employees	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	---	X
To consolidate or segregate county offices	X	----	X	---	---	X	X	---	X	X	(2)	X
To change boundaries of supervisorial districts	2/3 Vote	---	Majority (Quorum)	4/5 Vote	2/3 Vote	4/5 Vote	---	Majority (Quorum)	---	4/5 Vote	---	---
To provide administrative code	X	---	---	---	X	X	---	X	X	X	---	X
To require employment preference of county residents in county-let contracts	X	---	---	---	---	---	X	---	---	---	---	---

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Not to change salary of elected official during term of office	X	---	X	---	X	X	X	X	X	---	X	(5)
To pay prevailing wages to county employees	X	---	---	---	X	X	---	X	X	X	---	X
To require annual public audit of all county offices	X	X	X	X	---	---	X	X	---	X	---	X
To reimburse county employees for necessary travel expenses	X	---	X <sup>(7)</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	---	X
To provide for payment to county prisoners or dependents for labor in confinement	---	---	---	---	X	X	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not to hold other public office with compensation (of profit)	X	---	---	X	X	X	---	X	---	X	---	X
<u>Manner in which Vacancy Filled on Board of Supervisors</u>	A/Gov.	A/B.S.	A/Gov.	A/Gov.	A/Gov.	A/B.S.	A/Gov.	A/B.S.	A/Gov.	A/B.S.	---	A/Mayor
<u>Provision for Administrative Officer</u>												
Title	---	Co. Mgr.	---	Co. Adm. Off.	---	Co. Exec.	---	---	Co. Mgr.	Co. Exec.	---	C.A.O.
How Chosen	---	A/B.S.	---	A/B.S.	---	A/B.S.	---	---	A/B.S.	A/B.S.	---	A/Mayor
Tenure	---	AP/B.S.	---	AP/B.S.	---	AP/B.S.	---	---	AP/B.S.	AP/B.S.	---	AP/B.S.
Has authority to select appointive county officers	---	X	---	---	---	X	---	---	X	X	---	X
Makes recommendation on all claims submitted to the Board of Supervisors.	---	---	---	---	---	X	---	---	X	---	---	---
<u>Provision Which Prevents Interference by Individual Supervisors in Administration</u>	---	X	---	---	---	X	---	---	X	X	---	X
<u>Budget Estimates Required</u>	X	X	X	(10)	---	X	---	X	X	X	---	X
<u>Prohibits Auditor to Pay Salaries of Department Heads With Financial Reports Outstanding</u>	---	---	X	---	---	---	X	---	---	---	---	X

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<u>How Vacancies of Elective Offices Filled</u>	A/B.S.	---	A/B.S.	A/B.S.	A/B.S.	A/B.S.	A/B.S.	A/B.S.	A/B.S.	A/B.S.	---	A/Mayor
<u>Recall - Percentage of Electors on Petition</u>	B	---	A	A	B	A	A	B	A	A	---	
A. Recall by general law provision (12 per cent or 20 per cent of entire vote for that office) (11)												
B. Recall by 25 per cent of entire vote for that office or 15 per cent of county votes cast for Governor												
<u>Purchasing Agent</u>												
Standardization of materials	X	X	---	---	---	X	---	---	X	---	---	X
Joint purchases with other political units-div.	X	X	---	---	---	X	---	---	X	---	---	
Preference of county products	X	---	---	X	---	X	---	---	X	---	---	
Non-interference by Board of Supervisors in making supplier selections	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	X	---	---	---	X
<u>Non-discrimination Provisions:</u>												
Sex	X	---	---	---	X	X	---	X	X	---	---	X
Race (national origin)	---	X	---	---	X	---	---	X	X	---	---	(12)
Religion	X	X	---	---	X	X	---	X	X	---	---	(12)
Political affiliations	X	X	---	---	X	X	---	X	X	---	---	
Blind persons	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	X
Union membership	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	X	---	---	
<u>Veterans' Preference - (Percentage of total test score added, to individual covered)</u>				(13)								
Entrance examination	5%	---	---	---	10%	5%	---	5%	---	---	---	5%
Promotional examination	5%	---	---	---	10%	5%	---	---	---	---	---	3%
Veteran	X	---	---	---	X	X	---	X	---	---	---	X
Disabled veteran	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10%	---	---	---	10%
Wife of disabled veteran	---	---	---	---	X	---	---	X	---	---	---	
Widow of veteran	---	---	---	---	X	---	---	X	---	---	---	X

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<u>Prohibition of County Employees in Political Activity</u>	B	B	B	---	B	B	---	B	C	A	---	A
A. County and municipal level												
B. Any level												
C. During working hours												
<u>Division of Civil Service Into Classified and Unclassified</u>	X	---	---	---	X	X	---	X	X	X	---	X
<u>Nepotism Prohibition (Lineal consanguinity)</u>	---	---	---	(Within 3rd Degree)	---	(Within 3rd Degree)	---	(One Limit) (14)	(Within 3rd Degree)	(Within 3rd Degree)	---	
<u>Length of Probation Period of New County Employees</u>	X	---	---	---	6 mos. (15)	6 mos. (15)	---	6 mos. - 1 yr	1 yr. (16)	6 mos. (17)	---	6 mos.
<u>Civil Service Commission to Certify Payrolls Before Auditor May Approve Warrants</u>	X	---	---	---	X	---	---	X	---	---	---	X
<u>Civil Service Commission to Recommend a Rate of Pay for Each Class of Service</u>	X	X	---	---	---	X	---	X	X	X	---	X
<u>Enables Transfer of Employees Between County and Districts Thereof (Without civil service examination)</u>	---	---	---	---	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	
<u>Enables Mutual Participation of County and District Employees in Promotional Examinations</u>	---	---	---	---	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	

**OFFICES PROVIDED IN CHARTERS**  
 (Parenthesis indicate office is consolidated with other offices)  
 (Ex Officio functions are treated as consolidated offices)

	<u>ALAMEDA</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>BUTTE</u>	<u>FRESNO</u>	<u>LOS ANGELES</u>	<u>SACRAMENTO</u>	<u>SAN BERNARDINO</u>	<u>SAN DIEGO</u>	<u>SAN MATEO</u>	<u>SANTA CLARA</u>	<u>TEHAMA</u>	<u>SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND COUNTY</u>
Agricultural Commissioner or Horticultural Commissioner	A/B.S. CS		A/B.S. 4 yrs.	A/B.S.	A/B.S. CS	A/B.S.	A/B.S.	A/B.S.	A/B.S. 4 yrs.	---	A/B.S. (Sealer W&M) (Bee Inspector)	
Assessor	E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Auditor - Controller	E		E	E	A/B.S. CS	E	E	A/B.S.	E	A/Co. Exec.	E	A/Mayor
Bee Inspector	---		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		(see Agric. Comm.)
Building Inspector	---		---	---	---	---	A/B.S.	---	A/Co. Mgr.	A/Co. Exec.		---
Coroner	A/B.S. CS	(see Sheriff)	E	A/B.S. CS	A/Co. Exec. (Pub. Admin.)	E (Pub. Admin.)	E (Pub. Admin.)	E (Pub. Admin.)	A/Co. Exec.	E (Pub. Admin.)		
County Clerk	E		E	E	A/B.S. Cs	A/Co. Exec.	E	E	E	A/Co. Exec.	E	(Recorder)
County Counsel	---	A/Co. Mgr.	---	A/B.S.	A/B.S. CS	A/B.S.	A/B.S.	A/B.S.	---	A/B.S.	---	E
County Physician	---		(see Health Officer)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		A/B.S. (Health Officer)
Director, Health and Welfare	---		---	---	---	---	---	---	A/Co. Mgr. (Health Officer)	---	---	

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Director, Public Works	---		---	A/B.S. (Surveyor) (Rd. Comm.)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	A/C.A.O.
District Attorney	E		E (Pub Admin.)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Engineer	---		---	---	(see Surveyor)	A/Co. Exec. (Surveyor) (Rd. Comm.)	E	---	E (Surveyor)	A/Co. Exec. (Surveyor) (Rd. Comm.)	---	
Fire Warden	---		---	---	A/B.S. (Co. Forester and Fire Warden) CS	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fish and Game Warden	A/B.S. CS	---	---	A/B.S. CS	---	---	A/B.S.	---	---	---	---	---
Health Officer	A/B.S. CS	A/B.S. (Co. Physician (4 yrs.)	A/B.S.	A/B.S. CS	---	A/B.S.	---	A/B.S. (see Director Health and Welfare)	A/Co. Exec.	(see Co. Physician)		
Librarian	---		A/B.S. 4 yrs.	---	---	A/B.S.	A/B.S.	---	A/B.S. 4 yrs.	A/Co. Exec.	---	
Livestock Inspector	---		---	---	A/B.S. CS	---	---	A/B.S.	---	---	---	



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Superintendent of Schools	E		E	E	A/B.S. CS	A/Co. Exec. CS	E	A/Co. Bd. of Educ. 4 yrs.	E	E	E
Surveyor	E (Rd. Comm.)		A/B.S. (Rd. Engineer) 4 yrs.	(see Director, (see Co. Public Works) Engineer)	(see Co. Engineer)		E	A/B.S. (Rd. Comm.)	E (Engineer)	A/Co. Exec. (Engineer) (Rd. Comm.)	A/B.S.
Tax Collector <sup>(23)</sup>	E		(see Treas.)	E	(see Treas.)	A/Co. Exec. CS	E	E	E	A/Co. Exec.	(see Assessor)
Treasurer	E		E (Tax Coll.)	E	A/B.S. (Tax Coll.) CS	A/Co. Exec. CS	E	E	E	A/Co. Exec.	E
Welfare Director or Superintendent of Charities	---		A/B.S. (Probation Officer) 4 yrs.	A/B.S. CS	A/B.S. CS	A/Co. Exec.	A/B.S.	---	---	A/Co. Exec.	---

**CONSOLIDATED OFFICES**  
(Ex Officio functions are treated as consolidated offices)

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Agricultural Commissioner												
Bee Inspector												
Sealer Weights and Measures	---	-	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		A/B.S.
Assessor - Tax Collector	---		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		E
Clerk - Recorder	---		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		E
Coroner - Public Administrator	---		---	---	---		A/Co. Exec.	E	E	E	A/Co. Exec.	---
Director of Finance												
Divisions include:												
Assessor, Auditor -												
Controller, Tax Collector, Treasurer	---	A/Co. Mgr.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		---
District Attorney -		(19)										
Public Administrator	---	E	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		---
Engineer - Surveyor -												
Road Commissioner	---		---	---	---		A/Co. Exec.	---	---		A/Co. Exec.	---
Health and Welfare Director	---		---	---	---	---	---	---		A/Co. Mgr.	---	---
Health Officer -												
County Physician	---		A/B.S.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		A/B.S.
Sheriff - Coroner	---		E	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		---
Surveyor - Director of Public Works -												
Road Commissioner	---		---	A/B.S.	---	---	---	---	---	---		---
Surveyor - Road Commissioner	E		A/B.S.	---	---	---	---	A/B.S.	---	---		---

Treasurer - Tax  
Collector

Welfare Officer -  
Probation Officer

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**  
(Parentheses indicate actual name used if different from title)

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FOOTNOTES

1. Plus mileage to and from the place of meeting.
2. Authority to consolidate or segregate appointive offices (elective offices not mentioned).
3. Provision that elective officers' compensation is to be fixed by general law.
4. Prohibits increase of compensation during term of elective officer (no mention of decrease).
5. Elective officer's compensation is fixed by charter provision.
6. Requires public audit at least every six months.
7. Reimburses only necessary travel expenses, but specifically prohibits the payment of board and lodging expenses.
8. Provision existed prior to January 14, 1963 (repealed by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10).
9. The chairman of the Board of Supervisors is Ex Officio purchasing agent.
10. Specifies that budget regulations are to be as provided by general law.
11. Twenty per cent of entire votes cast for that particular office required on recall petition if officer is a state officer elected in a political subdivision of the state.
12. Prohibits questions in civil service examinations pertaining to political and religious matters.
13. Specifies that veteran's preference on competitive examinations may be provided by ordinance.
14. Each department head or officer may employ not to exceed one relative in his respective department.
15. Specifies that the probation period is not to exceed six months.
16. Specifies that the probation period is not to exceed one year.
17. Specifies that the probation period is not to be less than six months in duration.
18. The Civil Service Commission is required to maintain an official roster of all classified employees in the service of the county.
19. General law provision: Probation officers and deputy probation officers are appointed by the probation committee subject to approval of the Juvenile Judge and may be removed at the Juvenile Judge's discretion.
20. The District Attorney is to act as counsel for the Public Administrator.
21. Section 605 of the Education Code requires election of members of the Board of Education. (27 Ops. Attorney General 144)
22. Name changed by general law to the Juvenile Justice Commission, and appointments to said commission as provided by general law.
23. In each county, the Tax Collector is Ex Officio License Collector.

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